



# WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

Lebanon Mt. Juliet Watertown



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## A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

Each year, I get invited to several schools to read to students. Though I am not always able to attend, my office always participates. This year, I have been fortunate enough to attend many of the events I have been invited to, and it is always such a rewarding experience. Every classroom I visit is full of children eager to learn and quick to listen. Their faces light up as I begin a familiar story and the conversation that follows always leaves me encouraged.

The three main focus areas of my administration are education, public safety and quality of life. As a former educator myself, I know the profound impact that education has on a person's life. A fundamental part of education, of which all other education

builds upon, is the ability to read and comprehend. That's why it is so important to read to our children and encourage them to continue reading and learning—all throughout their lives. The children within our schools and in our homes are the future of our county. They are the future lawmakers, legislators, and County Commissioners. They are the future of our education system, our public safety and the quality of life not only here in Wilson County, but in our country and our entire world. There is no greater county business than investing time in our children, and one of the biggest investments we can make is taking time to read to and listen to each and every child. I encourage you to visit one of our county libraries

and check out a book to read with your child. While you are there, consider purchasing a ticket to the annual Library Roast. The event raises money for our library system and is always a great time. It will take place on March 26th at 7 Pm so mark your calendars now. Also, as April nears, I would like to encourage you to participate in the Wilson County Books from Birth Imagination Dinner. The dinner benefits Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library" Governor's Books from Birth program here in Wilson County. The program provides free books to every child in Tennessee birth to 5



years old that is enrolled in the program. If you have a child under the age of 5 and aren't signed up for the program, visit the following link to sign up: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/#selectedCounty=US>

Happy reading!

## WILSON COUNTY DISTRICT 25



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Mt. Juliet, TN 37122  
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**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**

# Ride the Music City Star

## **ST. JUDE *Rock'n'Roll*** **NASHVILLE** **MARATHON**

All net proceeds  
benefit St. Jude  
Children's Hospital



### to marathon:

Lebanon	5:00 a.m.
Hamilton Springs	5:07 a.m.
Martha	5:12 a.m.
Mt. Juliet	5:21 a.m.
Hermitage	5:29 a.m.
Donelson	5:36 a.m.
Riverfront	5:55 a.m.

**TICKETS**  
**\$12**  
**ROUND-TRIP\***

plus processing fee

get your tickets at:

***TicketsNashville.com***

### from marathon:

Riverfront	12:00 p.m.
Donelson	12:11 p.m.
Hermitage	12:18 p.m.
Mt. Juliet	12:26 p.m.
Martha	12:35 p.m.
Hamilton Springs	12:40 p.m.
Lebanon	12:55 p.m.



**Wilson**  
**County**  
GOVERNMENT

 **FAMOUS**  
footwear

MUSIC CITY **STAR**  




*Your Local American Job Center is here to help!*

# **JOB FAIR**

**EVERY Third Wednesday of the month**

**From 9 am - 1 pm**

***Located inside the Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
(TCAT)***

***415 Tennessee Blvd. Lebanon, TN 37087***

***615-444-9355***

**The American Job Center provides the following services:**

- Jobs4tn.gov registration assistance
- Resource room with computers, internet, telephones & fax machine
- Daily and monthly Hiring Events
- Variety of training and certification programs
- Re-employment services
- Veterans services

**All services are FREE OF CHARGE!!!**

**Priority of service is given to veterans and their eligible spouses who meet certain eligibility requirements.**

**Veterans Services:**

Pete Pritchard – DVOP (615) 444-9355 or (615) 898-8081 [Peter.Pritchard@tn.gov](mailto:Peter.Pritchard@tn.gov)

Joe Ferguson – Veterans Employment Representative (615) 898-8081

[Joseph.Ferguson@tn.gov](mailto:Joseph.Ferguson@tn.gov)

**In order to utilize any of our services, we ask that you register on Jobs4TN.gov**

For more information you may also contact Sarah Buckles at [Sarah.Buckles@tn.gov](mailto:Sarah.Buckles@tn.gov)

or call (615) 494-4278

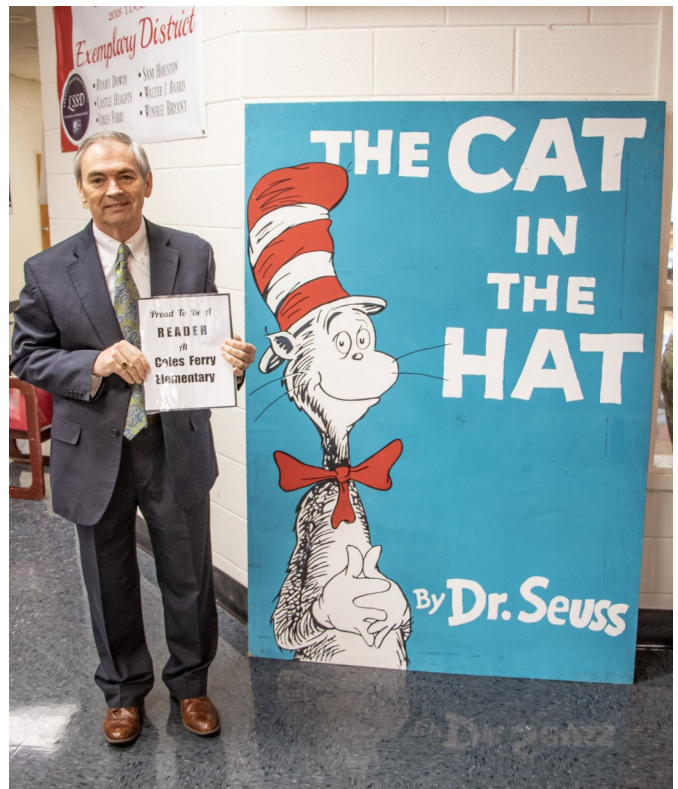
# Mayor Hutto Out and About



*The TSU National Alumni Association Mid South Regional Conference will take place in Wilson County this year on May 17th and 18th, 2019. at the Pickett-Rucker United Methodist Church. Ms.*

*Emma Stafford and Ms. Ann Irvin are hard at work to make this event a success. Mayor Hutto, a graduate of TSU, is an active member of the alumni association. (Pictured left to right: Mayor Bernie Ash, Mayor Randall Hutto).*

*Mayor Hutto delivered the State of the County Address to the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce's "Lunch and Learn" event on February 6, 2019. The event was held at the Five Oaks Golf and Country Club. Be on the lookout for future presentations throughout the year! Wilson County is the Place to Be!*



*Mayor Hutto participated in "Read Me Day" at Coles Ferry Elementary. He read the books "The Gruffalo" and "Llama Llama and the Bully Goat" to a group of third grade students. Our office loves to participate in this annual event with our schools! (Pictured above)*

# VETERAN SERVICES

AmericanJobCenter  
TENNESSEE

JOBS4TN.GOV

## ***Have You Ever Served in the Military?***

*We believe Veterans are special people who deserve our efficient, productive, and compassionate advocacy in return for their service to our nation.*

### **American Job Center – Tennessee**

### **Career Services**

- Guarantee Veterans' Preference in Job Referrals
- Free Testing and Skills Assessment
- Training Information
- Resume' Writing, Interviewing and various Job Preparation Classes
- Specializing in matching applicant skills with employer needs
- Veteran Only "Job Clubs" and Employer Advocacy

For more information on Veterans Services Eligibility

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html>

### **Location(s)**

**American Job Center - Murfreesboro , TN**

**(615) 898-8081**

**1313 Old Fort Parkway (Rear Entrance of TCAT)**

**Lebanon, TN (615) 444-9355**

**415 Tennessee Blvd (Inside TCAT building)**

Register on [Jobs4TN.gov](https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html) for even more!

**American Job Centers – Tennessee provide Priority of service to registered/eligible Veterans**

American Job Center

Tennessee is not responsible for the participation of any advertised employers at our hiring and resource events.

We solicit their participation in good faith that they may attend but acknowledge that unexpected events occur, which may prevent their attendance.

# ***Wilson Books From Birth***

## **IMAGINATION DINNER**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**WILSON COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER**

**945 E BADDOUR PKWY. LEBANON, TN 37087**



**A TABLE OF 8 (TABLE SPONSOR): \$250.00**

**CONTACT WILSON BOOKS FROM BIRTH AT**

**615-444-5586 TO SPONSOR A TABLE**



**CATERED BY:**



**DOOR  
PRIZES**

**LIVE &  
SILENT  
AUCTIONS**



# The Place to Be for TV



WCTV airs recordings of meetings of the Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners, the Lebanon City Council, and weekday news cast from Mt. Juliet High School. Upon completion of the tele-

ming. Tressa Bush is the General Manager of WCTV. The Smith County native

people, things to see and places to eat. Five of Tressa's stories are in the



Did you know that Wilson County has its own television station? The Public, Educational and Government Channel for Wilson County TN, Government (WCTV) is currently on AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 in Wilson and surrounding counties. Charter customers will also be able to tune in soon, as conversations are in the works to expand the television channel to additional providers. At the current time, Wilson County TV broadcasts recordings of the Education and Budget Committee meetings as well as live coverage of the County Commission meetings. In addition,

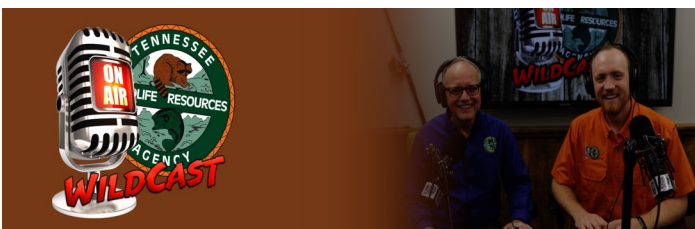
vision studio, WCTV will begin producing the following programming: *Talking' with Tatum*, *Wil-Co On The Go*, *Valerie's Kitchen* and *Walkin' Thru Wilson*. In addition, WCTV provides viewers access to shows such as *Wildcast* from the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency; *SongSpeak* from Middle Tennessee State University; various 3-5 minute stories from the UT Agriculture Institute reported by Wilson County native, Charles Denney; *Train Time*; *Yoga for Your Health*; *Take it to the Auction*; *Eat Well-Be Happy*; *Emily's Garden*; *Expedition Earth* and other various PEG Channel program-

spent more than 20 years working in the television industry as reporter/anchor, producer and writer. Her first television job was as a producer for television show ***Crook & Chase. C&C***, as it was often called. It was a country music entertainment show that aired weekdays on The Nashville Network/TNN. She went on to work in television news in several southeastern markets including: Jackson, TN, Columbus, MS, Knoxville, TN and Nashville. For 3 years, Tressa worked at the wildly popular PBS program ***Tennessee Crossroads***. The show has been on WNPT-TV 8 for almost 30 years and features interesting

shows Top 30 most viewed on YouTube.

Tressa graduated from Smith County High, Cumberland University and Middle Tennessee State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications.

When she's not working, you'll find Tressa on the lake or hanging out with here 3 great-nieces, Ella Grace, Ruby Jo and Cora Mai or her great-nephew, Quin.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**

# **Ride the Music City Star A Toast to Tennessee Wine Festival**



**Wilson County Expo Center**

**12 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**All net proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital**

**to wine festival:**

Riverfront	12:00 p.m.
Donelson	12:11 p.m.
Hermitage	12:18 p.m.
Mt. Juliet	12:26 p.m.
Martha	12:35 p.m.
Hamilton Springs	12:40 p.m.
Lebanon	12:55 p.m.



**plus processing fee**

**get your tickets at**

***TicketsNashville.com***

**from wine festival:**

Lebanon	5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Springs	5:37 p.m.
Martha	5:42 p.m.
Mt. Juliet	5:51 p.m.
Hermitage	5:59 p.m.
Donelson	6:06 p.m.
Riverfront	6:25 p.m.



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**MT. JULIET**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# Wilson County Ag Hall of Fame

We hope you will make plans to attend this year's Ag Hall of Fame Banquet scheduled to take place on April 2, 2019. The annual event honors farmers and farm families that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in Wilson County. The event will honor Terry Thompson, Billy Jo and Jean Allison, Sam E. Forbes and Gilbert Graves (Pictured below left to right). It will take place at the Wilson County Exposition Center. Meet and Greet will start at 6:00 PM and dinner will start at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Soil Conservation Office or by calling Diane Major directly at 615-444-1890 ext. 3.



## Meet the **MAYOR**

*the last Wednesday of every month*

Mt. Juliet  
Chamber of Commerce  
8:30AM-10:00AM

Watertown  
The Depot Junction Cafe  
11:00AM-12:30PM

Lebanon  
Chamber of Commerce  
1:30PM-3:00PM



*no appointment necessary,  
drop by and let's talk*



# **11<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



## **Youth Litter Challenge Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – Litter Teams Arrive at their School**

**11 AM – 2:00 PM – TGTC 2019 Celebration**

**(@ James Ward Ag Center, Lebanon)**

**Door Prizes, Games, Food, etc.**

**PRESENTATION of PRIZE MONEY**

**TO WINNING SCHOOLS OF LITTER CHALLENGE**



**JOIN US:** Contact Your Schools to be a part of your School Team, or Contact Beautification Commission Chair, Patsy Anderson, 615/444-3647, ext 2309



# Governor's Volunteer Star Awards

Each year, in conjunction with the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award program, one youth and one adult in all of TN's participating counties are selected to attend the Governor's banquet and be honored for their volunteer work. Here in Wilson

County, we like to take it a step further and recognize *all* of our nominees. In the next several editions of "The County Connection", we will be highlighting each nominee. While we know there are many outstanding volunteers in Wilson County,

this year we received 10 nominations; 6 youths and 4 adults. We were fortunate enough to have Wilson Bank & Trust sponsor our award plaques again this year. They also sponsored a ticket to the Lebanon/Wilson Co. Chamber of Commerce Annual

Awards Banquet where our nominees/winners were honored for their volunteer work.



## Donna Stevenson

Donna Stevenson was nominated for the outstanding volunteer work she does for W.A. Wright Elementary.

Donna is described by friends and co-works as the type of volunteer who steps up and takes the role of "leader" in various ways. She works with the Good News Club after school each Monday going above and beyond to ensure students are provided with snacks and a craft that goes along with their lesson. She is a huge part of FCA sponsored by her church. Ms. Donna always helps as needed by aiding teachers both in and outside of the classroom. With a smile on her face, she is constantly working behind the scenes to organize volunteers to help in the school.

## HR CORNER

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**Human Resources is doing a Monthly Employee Giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152**

**or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.**

### March Winners:

Leslie Denson | Debbie Fischer | Jonathan Binion | James Lanier | Colton Young

The Wilson County Library Board  
Twenty-Ninth Annual Roast  
March 26, 2019

Featuring

ERIC THOMPSON



TICKETS are \$35 each or  
Table of 8 for \$250

Tickets may be purchased at any Wilson County  
Library, from a Library Board Member,  
or from Eric Thompson.

Proceeds will benefit the Wilson County Libraries.  
For more info, please call 615-444-0632

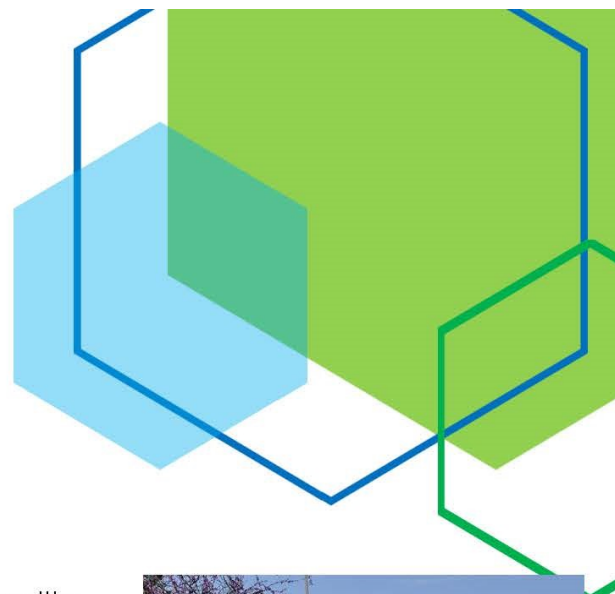
*Serving line begins at 6:30; Roast starts at 7:00 | At Castle Heights Upper Elementary School | Jordan's Catering*

16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**A TOAST TO TENNESSEE** *Wine* **FESTIVAL**  
SIP SIP  
HOORAY

**SATURDAY APRIL 27**

NOON-6:00PM • WILSON COUNTY EXPO CENTER

[WWW.ATOASTTOTENNESSEE.COM](http://WWW.ATOASTTOTENNESSEE.COM)



Wilson County is a Healthier TN Community and received this designation in the Spring of 2017. Healthier TN is a part of the Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness. The initiative strives to increase the number of Tennesseans who are physically active for at least 30 minutes five times

a week, promote a healthy diet and reduce the number of people who use tobacco products. Tennessee's Health Rankings show that 28.4% of Tennesseans report no physical activity; 34.8% of Tennesseans are obese; and 22.1% of Tennesseans smoke.



### MOVE MORE

To reduce stress, maintain a healthy weight and feel better.

### EAT SMARTER

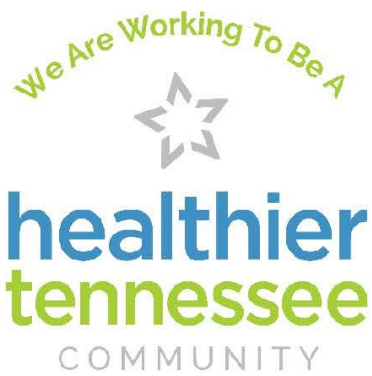
To increase your energy and take control of your weight.

### CUT OUT TOBACCO

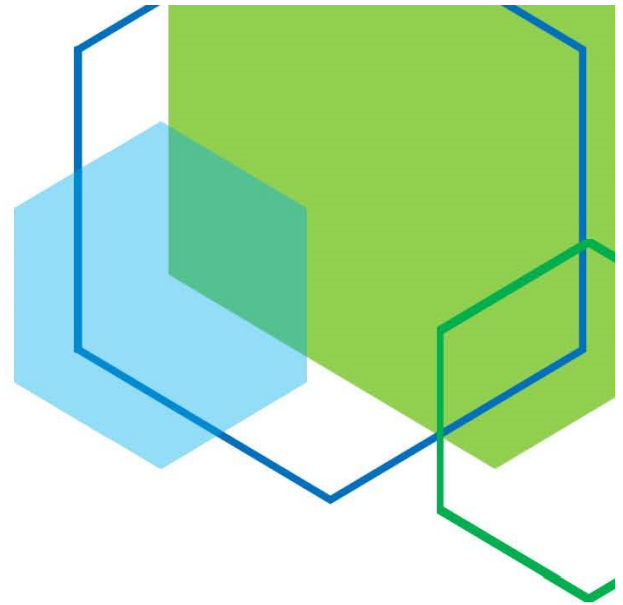
To reduce the risk of disease and save money.

Wilson County has worked over the past year to involve all age groups in our community toward making improvements in these 3 areas through programs and partnerships with other groups (workplaces, places of worship and childcare centers) to grow programs.





What are we doing as we work toward our Year 2 Healthier TN designation?



#### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:

- 'Walk Across Wilson' campaign for all age groups
- Expansion of Running / Walking / Exercise Clubs at local schools
- Go Noodle exercise program in area elementary schools

#### NUTRITION:

- Healthier Concessions at area ball fields
- Maintain 'Don't Gain Healthy Holiday Challenge'
- Batch and Bushel partnership at the Expo Center

#### TOBACCO:

- Baby and Me Tobacco Free program sponsored by the Wilson County Health Department

Wilson County has a committee that is working on these issues. The committee has representation from various concerned citizens/businesses meets monthly.

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For additional information visit [www.HealthierTN.com](http://www.HealthierTN.com) or contact Brenda Harper at [bsharper@comcast.net](mailto:bsharper@comcast.net) or Traci Pope at [traci.pope@tennova.com](mailto:traci.pope@tennova.com).